

REVIEW OF THE MARKETS; AND REAL ESTATE BUSINESS.

REVIEW OF MARKETS  
FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Stocks, Money, Exchange, Bonds, Grain, Cotton, Provisions, Etc.

New York, Dec. 20.—The stock market gave a demonstration of improved tone and voice in the spirit with which it accepted a slump of 13% points in Brooklyn Rapid Transit, accompanied by sympathetic weakness in other stocks allied to it. It cannot be said that this violent decline was viewed with indifference, for it effectually checked the advancing tendency in the general market and worked reaction extending to over two points in a number of standard railroad stocks and from 4 to 7 points in some of the industrials. Thanks to the earlier rise in the market, however, and the rally following the slump, net losses are in nearly all cases small and some substantial net gains are shown by important stocks. The break in Brooklyn Rapid Transit was attributed to the forced liquidation of a very large inside account, concerning which many exaggerated rumors of Monday were reviewed in full force and exaggerated by the bears with a view to breaking the market.

During the time to-day when Brooklyn Rapid Transit was showing most acute weakness, the rate for call money was quoted at 4 per cent, and was in plentiful supply on satisfactory collateral. The rate at no time rose above 9 per cent, and in the late dealings fell to 2 per cent. on yesterday's low level. During the day an engagement of gold for shipment to London was announced, and rumors were current of further heavy engagements to go out Saturday. The announcement and the prospect seemed to have no effect on the local money market. The anomaly of a 2 per cent. money rate and gold being allowed to go out while stocks are forced to liquidation at heavy sacrifices, warrants no other conclusion than that the security offered for loans to carry stocks in some instances is unsatisfactory. Such is known to be the case. Yesterday's measures of protection and relief were still in force to-day, but it was made manifest that care and discrimination are exercised in applying the resources contributed. There was liquidation yet to be accomplished to-day, and it pursued its course, but was not allowed to unsettle and demoralize the whole market as was the case Monday. The tone of the market during the early hours was nearly normal, except that trading was very active and fluctuations rather wide. Prices had advanced and received an additional impulse upward with the announcement of the increase in New York Central's dividend rate, that stock rising 1/2 in the bid price.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 901,700 shares.

New York, Dec. 20.—Standard Oil, 4.52@4.54.

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NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 20.—Flour, very quiet in view of the approaching holidays, and nominally easier with wheat; Minnesota patent, \$3.80@4.05; winter patents, \$3.60@3.75; winter straights, \$3.35@3.47; winter extras, \$2.60@3.00. Rye Flour, steady. Buckwheat Flour, dull. Corn Meal, easy. Wheat, spot weak; No. 2 red, 73 1/2c; Corn, spot easy; No. 2, 29 1/2c. Oats, spot dull; No. 2, 25c; No. 3, 24 1/2c. Beef, steady. Cattle, steady. Lard, steady. December, \$5.55; nominal. Refined, quiet. Pork, easier. Butter, firm; Western creamery, 23 1/2c; State dairy, 18 1/2c. Cheese, firm; fall made fancy small, 12 1/2c@13c; fall made large fancy, 12 1/2c@13c. Eggs, steady; State and Pennsylvania, 24 1/2c; Western ungraded at mark, 16 1/2c. Spot Coffee, Rio quiet. Mild, steady. Sugar, raw, firm; fair refining, 13 1/2c; centrifugal 96 test, 44c; molasses sugar, 9 1/2c. Refined, steady.

COTTON SEED OIL.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cotton-seed oil active, but nominally steady at former prices. Prime crude barrels, 28c. nominal; prime summer yellow, 32c; off summer yellow, 31 1/2c; butter grades, 35c. nominal; prime winter yellow, 35 1/2c; prime white, 34 1/2c; prime meal, \$24.50@25.00.

TRUCK MARKET.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Potatoes, steady; Jersey, \$1.25@1.50; New York, \$1.50@1.75; Long Island, \$1.50@2.00; Jersey, sweets, \$2.25@2.75; Southern, sweets, \$1.25@1.75.

BALTIMORE GRAIN MARKET.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20.—Flour, dull and unchanged. Wheat, dull and easy; spot and month, 70 1/2c@70 3/4c; January, 71 1/4c@71 3/4c; May, 74 1/2c@74 3/4c; Southern white, by sample, 66 1/2c@67c; December, spot and month, 27 1/2c@27 3/4c; Corn, easier; spot and month, 36 1/2c@37c; January, 36 3/4c@37c; February, 37 1/4c@37 3/4c; March, 37 1/2c; bid; Southern white, 33 1/2c@34c. Oats, dull and easier; No. 2 white, 30 1/2c@31c; No. 2 mixed, 28 1/2c@29c. Rye, dull and nominal; No. 2 nearby, 54c.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Wheat, Corn, Oats, Provisions, Lard, Short Ribs, Etc.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A slack demand and small clearances at the seaboard took the starch out of wheat to-day. May closing 1/2c under yesterday. Corn, 1/4c down, and oats 1/2c lower. Provisions closed unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
Dec.	66 1/2	66 3/4	66 1/4	66 1/2
May	70 1/2	70 3/4	70 1/4	70 1/2
July	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 1/4	74 1/2
Corn No. 2—				
Dec.	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 1/4	30 1/2
May	36 1/2	36 3/4	36 1/4	36 1/2
July	40 1/2	40 3/4	40 1/4	40 1/2
Oats No. 2—				
Dec.	22 1/2	22 3/4	22 1/4	22 1/2
May	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 1/2
July	28 1/2	28 3/4	28 1/4	28 1/2
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
Jan.	9 3/4	10 1/2	9 1/4	9 3/4
May	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 3/4
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
Jan.	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 3/4
May	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/2	5 1/2
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
Jan.	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/2	5 1/2
May	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/2	5 1/2
July	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/2	5 1/2
May	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/2	5 1/2

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour was steady; No. 1 spring wheat, 66 1/2c@66 3/4c; No. 2 red, 65 1/2c@65 3/4c; No. 3, 64 1/2c@64 3/4c; No. 4, 63 1/2c@63 3/4c; No. 5, 62 1/2c@62 3/4c; No. 6, 61 1/2c@61 3/4c; No. 7, 60 1/2c@60 3/4c; No. 8, 59 1/2c@59 3/4c; No. 9, 58 1/2c@58 3/4c; No. 10, 57 1/2c@57 3/4c; No. 11, 56 1/2c@56 3/4c; No. 12, 55 1/2c@55 3/4c; No. 13, 54 1/2c@54 3/4c; No. 14, 53 1/2c@53 3/4c; No. 15, 52 1/2c@52 3/4c; No. 16, 51 1/2c@51 3/4c; No. 17, 50 1/2c@50 3/4c; No. 18, 49 1/2c@49 3/4c; No. 19, 48 1/2c@48 3/4c; No. 20, 47 1/2c@47 3/4c; No. 21, 46 1/2c@46 3/4c; No. 22, 45 1/2c@45 3/4c; No. 23, 44 1/2c@44 3/4c; No. 24, 43 1/2c@43 3/4c; No. 25, 42 1/2c@42 3/4c; No. 26, 41 1/2c@41 3/4c; No. 27, 40 1/2c@40 3/4c; No. 28, 39 1/2c@39 3/4c; No. 29, 38 1/2c@38 3/4c; No. 30, 37 1/2c@37 3/4c; No. 31, 36 1/2c@36 3/4c; No. 32, 35 1/2c@35 3/4c; No. 33, 34 1/2c@34 3/4c; No. 34, 33 1/2c@33 3/4c; No. 35, 32 1/2c@32 3/4c; No. 36, 31 1/2c@31 3/4c; No. 37, 30 1/2c@30 3/4c; No. 38, 29 1/2c@29 3/4c; 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